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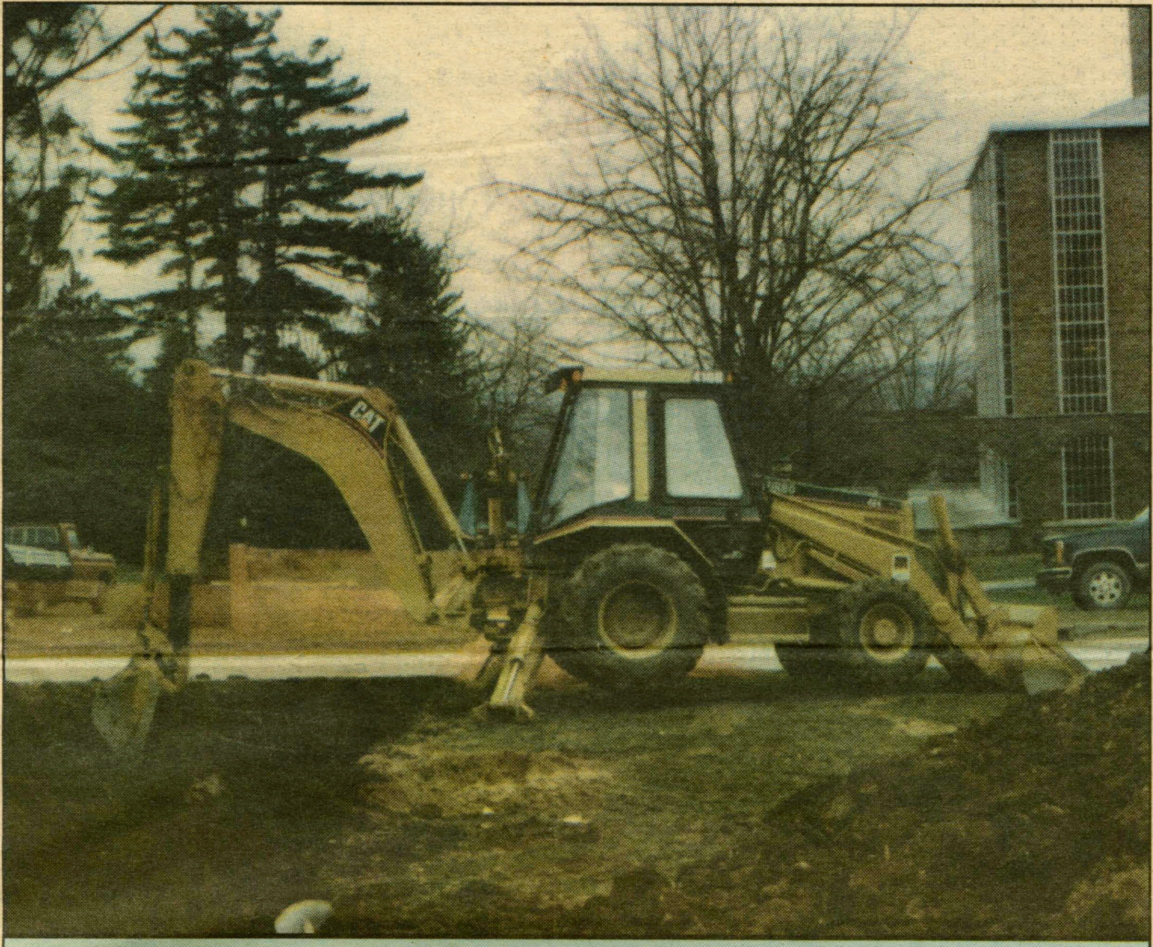

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

A bulldozer dug up ground in front of Bristol Campus Center for laying of the campus-wide network.

Alexander Hamilton statue vandalized

BY GEOFF MILLAR '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The statue of Alexander Hamilton that has adorned this campus for several years became the victim of vandals Saturday, April 1. At approximately 3 am the statue was pulled down from its position in front of the Chapel and left lying on the ground.

Unidentified persons pulled the statue and its pedestal over using a dump truck belonging to an on-campus construction crew. According to Director of Campus Safety Patricia Ingalls, the truck had been left on campus over the weekend by the workers. Since they only had one set of keys to this particular truck, the operators left them underneath the floor mat on the driver's side of the truck so that other workers could use it.

The vandals attached a chain from the truck to the statue and drove the truck forward to pull it over. The statue and the truck were both severely damaged. The statue was cracked in several places and its arm severed at the shoulder. The statue has been sent away for repairs. The truck was also rendered immobile, apparently due to the vandals' attempt to pull the fallen statue.

Campus Safety hopes to appre-

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Government Department sponsors Bosnia forum

BY NAEEM SHEIKH '96
NEWS EDITOR

A conference entitled "Confronting Chaos: U. S. Intervention in Bosnia and Haiti", was sponsored by the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center and the Government Department last Saturday. The morning session was "U.S. Military Intervention in Haiti: Success or Failure?" and featured speakers Samuel Lewis, Linowitz Professor of International Affairs and former U.S. ambassador to Israel, Lawrence Pezzullo, former special advisor on Haiti to President Clinton and former ambassador to Nicaragua and Uruguay, and Robert Fatton, professor of government and foreign affairs at University of Virginia.

The afternoon session was entitled "The United States and the War in Bosnia". Professor of Government Alan Cafruny chaired the session, which featured speeches by Ivan Misic, the Bosnian Deputy Ambassador to United Nations, Chuck Sudetic, Balkan correspondent for *The New York Times*, Bogdan Denitch, professor of sociology at City University of New York, and Richard Haass, Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Deputy Ambassador Misic started out his speech by explaining that the war in Bosnia is not a civil war, as it has been portrayed in the media. According to Misic, the war in his republic is a direct outcome of the increasing Serbian ultranationalism imposed upon non-Serbian peoples in former Yugoslavia after the demise of communism and as

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Weekend writing conference draws student-tutors from regional colleges

BY MOLLY SOULE '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Writing tutors from seven undergraduate institutions participated in the First Annual Conference of the Upstate New York Writing Centers Consortium (UNYWCC), last Saturday at Hamilton. The conference theme was "Writing Centers: Dynamics, Dilemmas, and Dialogues." The main goals of the conference were providing tutors with the opportunity to talk with one another, and discovering new approaches to tutoring.

The conference was composed of writing tutors and administrators from Colgate, Hamilton, Hartwick, SUNY Plattsburgh, St. Lawrence, Utica College of Syracuse University, and Union. Sharon Williams, Associate Director of the Nesbitt-Johnston Writing Center, said that because this was an inaugural conference, "the committee had a certain set of expectations. Undergraduate writing tutors gave all the presentations, and the audience, except for some administrators, was primarily undergraduates. The conference gave writing tutors a chance to share experiences, obtain new ideas, and realize they are part of a bigger effort."

After the eighty students registered, Williams welcomed the tutors and John O'Neill, Director of the Nesbitt-Johnston Writing Center introduced the panelists. Two former writing tutors, Karin Gosselink '94, and Jennifer Klein '93, led a panel discussion entitled "Once a Writing Tutor Always A Writing Tutor". Currently, Gosselink works as the Writing Center Coordinator at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Klein, a graduate student at the University of Rochester, tutors both graduate and undergraduates.

Whitney Martin '95 commented, "It was neat to talk to Jen Klein and Karin Gosselink and see what they are doing in the realm of writing and tutoring. They both seem really happy with their job."

Carolyn Antonio '95 agreed with Martin, stating, "It was good to hear that the experience of being a writing tutor does not end with graduation. Tutors learn certain interpersonal skills that carry them through. Karen and Jen focused on the importance of learning interpersonal skills and how to talk with people."

During her panel discussion, Gosselink maintained that during a job interview, you will be asked "why you want to work in their company. Instead of responding 'I like to work with people', as a writing tutor, you can confidently say 'I know how to work with people.'"

Tutors from each college conducted either thirty or sixty minute presentations that actively involved their audiences. All the presentations related to the conference theme, and addressed common writing conference problems. The undergraduate writing tutors were free to conduct any type of presentation—workshop, panel, interactive presentation, role play, etc. Presentation topics ranged from how to encourage the uninterested writer, to dealing with cultural disparities that affect gender relations during tutorials.

Most tutors were surprised at how well the presentations blended the educational aspect of tutoring with creativity. Tim Fox '96 admitted, "I was expecting a day of predominantly boring lectures given by students. I was surprised that the students came up with novel approaches to what otherwise would have been boring topics. I was not only informed, but I was entertained."

Fox especially enjoyed Union College 's presentation, "Problem Personalities in Writing Center Sessions: Coping with Theirs, Recognizing Our Own." The tutors used their creativity to produce a videotape of brief, humorous skits that suggested methods of dealing with "problem" students. Martin also attended Union's presentation, and expressed that she liked meeting new people and discovering how their school's writing program worked. In addition, she stated that the atmosphere was ideal, because "it was formal, yet informal".

Martin, Jackie Keegan '95, Mike Olivo '95, and Monica Redstone '97 used role-play to help illustrate the positive and negative ways of working with uninterested writers. The second group of presenters from Hamilton, Jennifer

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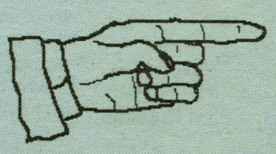

Vandals remain unidentified; Campus Safety urges community responsibility

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hend the guilty parties. Ingalls said that two witnesses have come forward with information about the incident.

The first witness stated that at 3 am on the morning of the first he saw six males driving the dumptruck on the grass. He did not, however, see anything suspicious regarding the statue.

The second witness said that at 3:15 am he saw three persons; one was in the truck, and two were outside of it. At this point the statue was on the ground and the chain was attached from the truck to the statue. He said that the students were attempting to move the truck, but it had already been damaged. He said that the students noticed him watching them and immediately started walking in the direction of South Residence Hall and continued past it.

Ingalls stated that the two witnesses also said that there were many people out and around on the campus at the time of the incident.

She believes that there are others who know more than the two people who have come forward. She had harsh words for such people : "Folks who know but don't come forward are really condoning inappropriate behavior. As community members, we have a responsibility to each other to help prevent this type of activity." She believes that the activities of the vandals showed a complete lack of consideration for the members of this community. "It's not cute; it's going to cost the community."

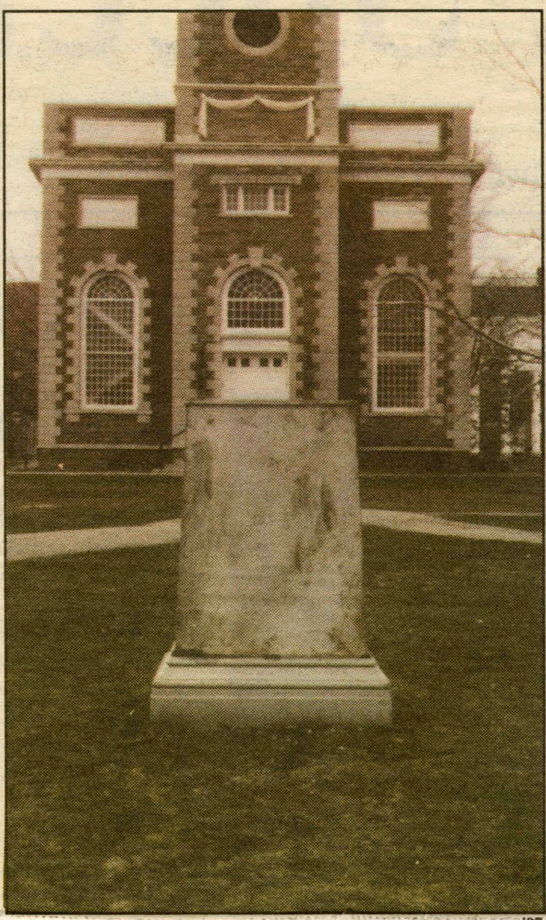

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

The Alexander Hamilton statue pedestal stands empty after vandals uprooted the statue with a dumptruck.

President Eugene Tobin also had strong comment on the incident saying that "I think it is infantile behavior" and also that incidents like this one "create a mood on this campus that is destructive of private property."

Ingalls also enjoined anyone who has any information about this incident to contact her, even anonymously by voicemail, so that such destructive activities may be prevented in the future.

World News Briefs

--compiled by Ralitsa Petkova '98

Russia adamant on selling nuclear reactors to Iran

Last Monday, the Russian Government made clear that it would go ahead with the sale of nuclear reactors to Iran despite fierce American protests. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has warned Russia that it will "rue the day" if it provides nuclear technology to its neighbor, Iran.

However, last Sunday, Defense Secretary William Perry, who was visiting Moscow, said he favored continuing aid to Russia even if he got nowhere on the nuclear question.

Rwandans end flight from Burundi

Last Sunday, United Nations officials reported that thousands of Rwandans from refugee camps in Burundi halted their flight after their leaders became convinced that the Tanzanian government would not open the borders and that the Burundian Army would protect them.

The exodus began last week when Rwandan Hutu refugees abandoned Magara camp in northern Burundi, afraid of being caught in violence between the majority Hutu and the minority Tutsi in the country.

Northern Burundi has been home to refugees for years. Hutu and Tutsi groups in both Rwanda and Burundi have moved back and forth with the changing currents of ethnic violence that has ravaged the two central African countries.

Source : *NY Times*

National News Briefs

--compiled by Ralitsa Petkova '98

Worries about military readiness grow

The Pentagon is spending less on new weapons and equipment than at any time in nearly 50 years, prompting many to believe combat readiness is in jeopardy. In the last few days the issue of military preparedness took on a political dimension when President Clinton and Senator Bob Dole of Kansas had a sharp exchange of letters over the failure of Congress to approve an emergency spending bill to cover unexpected operations in Haiti, Somalia and Bosnia.

However, the American armed forces are still the most formidable in the world and are in no danger of being surpassed any time soon. Since the Persian Gulf war in 1991, the military has greatly improved its laser-guided bombs, communication systems and intelligence networks.

A matter of life and death

A woman is suing a doctor and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston because they did not take extraordinary steps to prolong the life of her comatose mother. An ethicist for the defense says such measures would have been futile and unwarranted, a view strongly disputed by the daughter's lawyer. The lawsuit will examine the question of whether doctors or family members are to decide when brain-damaged patients should get continued medical treatment.

Source : *NY Times*

Senior project examines anti-apartheid movement on the Hill

BY JACOB STETSER '98
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A surprising view of Hamilton's history surfaced this week as Caroline Thomas '95 unveiled her senior project, a study of the divestment movement at Hamilton. As apartheid's cruelties reached their peak in the spring of 1985, Hamiltonians for Divestment grew out of several discussions.

That spring there were a few protests concerneing Hamilton's holdings in various South African businesses, but during the fall semester, President Caravano was on sabbatical, and the activism subsided briefly. During the spring of 1986, however, Hamiltonians for Divestment's activism launched into high gear, holding a protest event every week. The protests ranged in type from teach-ins to sit-ins, and from Class and Charter day slogans to graduation day armbands.

The protests were specifically caused by the Trustee's refusal to divest in its South African holdings. The Board upheld its belief in selective investment, the investment in companies which meet certain criteria.

The major controversy began after a debate between J. Martin Caravano, then President of Hamilton College, who argued against divestment, and Rick Werner, current Chair of the Philosophy Department, who argued for it. Caravano made a statement during the debate that "to compare apartheid to the Holocaust would be to trivialize the Holocaust," as Caroline Thomas related.

The BLSU, deeply offended by what they felt a trivialization of their own struggles, and of the struggles of those in South Africa, demanded an apology from Caravano, who refused to meet with them. The protestors committed themselves not to leave Buttrick until they had met with Caravano, who finally told the protestors that if they did not leave the building by one, they would be suspended. Many involved in the protest left after receiving the ultimatum, still supporting their cause, but not eager to be suspended. In the end, thirteen activists remained in Buttrick, and the twelve who were students were promptly suspended. The other activist was an alumnus and, as such, could not be suspended. The suspensions were believed by many, even those who did not support the move for divestment, to be unjust. "Suspensions rallied the community," asserted Thomas.

The three major officers which resigned soon after the controversy included the Dean of Faculty, who stepped down and taught another year at Hamilton before leaving. President Tobin accepted the position of Dean of Faculty. The Dean of Students left Hamilton to take a higher job elsewhere. Caravano resigned one week after legal proceedings decided in favor of the suspended students. Caroline Thomas felt that his effectiveness had ended at Hamilton, and noted that a faculty meeting had missed a vote of "lack of confidence" in Caravano by only a few votes. She believes that the controversy, which garnered national attention, "definitely had something to do with it [his resignation]; he wasn't affective any longer."

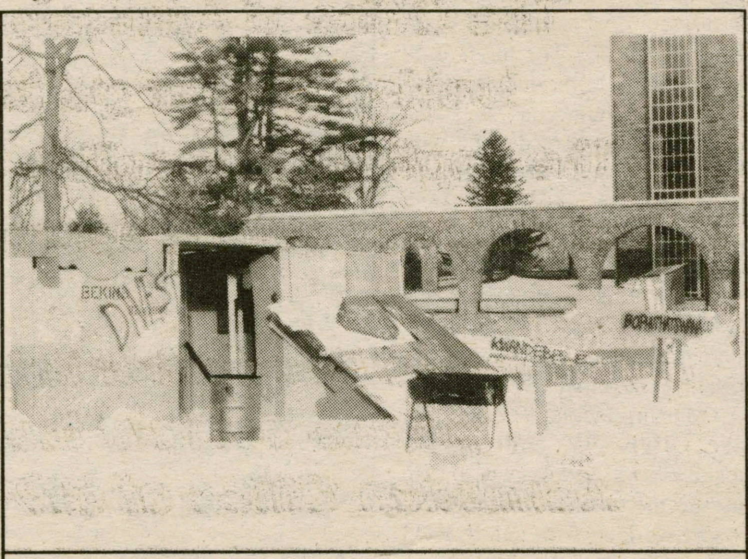

PHOTO COURTESY OF CAROLINE THOMAS '95

Shanty towns erected by students at Hamilton during the Divestment from South Africa campaign in 1985.

Despite the protests, Hamilton never divested its holdings in South Africa, but some concessions were made to the activists at Hamilton, including the establishment of an Africana Studies program and the increased recruitment of students and faculty of color.

Thomas investigated the events surrounding the divestment controversy because she wanted to "do someting with Hamilton and give something back to Hamilton." She asserted that these events were "an important part of our history to know and to talk about," and she placed an exhibit in Burke Library with information about the events, and also hosted a panel discussion last Monday.

She commented on the the current Res. Life issue, "I wouldn't call pulling down statues of Alexander Hamilton, breaking benches, and burning books activism; I'd call it stupid violence. If people want to be listened to, they have to act in ways that will make people listen." She thinks that the divestment protests have had more success than the current Res. Life detractors will have.

Correction

A byline appearing on an article ("What's new this spring?") in the Features section was incorrect. The article was written by Adeline Cook '95 and Katie Scovin '97.

News Briefs

compiled by the news staff

Red Cross blood drive to make a stop on the Hill

The American Red Cross blood drive will be making a stop at Hamilton on Friday, April 14, 1995. The blood drive will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Red Cross urges all community members to "spring" into action by donating blood.

Within upstate New York and northwestern Pennsylvania, 148 hospitals depend on Red Cross for supplies of blood and blood products. According to Donna Lutz, Senior Account Manager at Red Cross, "More than 1,300 blood donors are needed every day to maintain an adequate, community blood supply."

To give blood, donors must be 17 years or older, weigh at least 117 pounds and be in good general health. To make a donation appointment, Red Cross can be contacted at 1-800-724-4483.

Former U.S. ambassador to Israel lectures on Arab-Israeli Peace

Samuel Lewis, the Sol Linowitz visiting Professor of Government, gave a lecture this past Monday, the 3rd of April at 4pm in the Red Pit. The lecture was attended by approximately twenty-five people and the lecture centered around "Prospects for Arab-Israeli Peace".

Sam Lewis was the U.S. Ambassador to Israel during the Camp David Accord and was instrumental in its success. He is an expert on conflict resolution and is extremely knowledgeable about Israeli-Arab relations. His lecture outlined the most recent events in Gaza, Jerusalem, and Golan Heights which have weakened the peace process. Ambassador Lewis argued that an active diplomatic campaign can save the Peace process and that the United States can help, though not dictate, this effort.

The lecture was lively and the question and answer session was particularly engaging and informative.

Princeton professor talks about welfare

Professor Lawrence Mead of Princeton University, considered by many to be among the top conservative intellectuals on public policy, spoke about welfare on Thursday night. Professor Mead advocates a "paternalistic" approach to welfare reform, where welfare recipients should receive strong supervision, not just financial support. He calls this policy of welfare control "help and hassle." "People [on welfare] need an authority structure to guide them in their job search," he explained, emphasizing that the country needs a form of "social control" to enforce welfare recipients' search for employment. He said that "freedom cannot be our greatest value" when we are faced with such dire problems of poverty. While his views may appear to stray from traditional conservativism, Mead stated that his concept of welfare reform will work far better than any others proposed by both Democrats or Republicans.

Roma's delivery person arrested for Milbank burglary

Kirkland Police arrested Steven Franchell for a March 5 burglary in the Milbank Residence Hall. According to Lt. Daniel English, the Clark Mills man, known for his position as Pizzeria Roma's delivery person, is suspected of entering the dorm between 5 and 5:30 a.m. March 5. Franchell is being held without bail in the Oneida County jail. English said the investigation is continuing.

Jonathan Miller speaks on art in the twentieth century

The Tolles lecture series presented Jonathan Miller on Monday night in the Filius Events Barn. Miller, described by many as a Renaissance Man, drew upon his extensive knowledge of sculpture, literature, and philosophy to offer a perspective on the dilemma of the oeuvre in the late 20th Century. In a one-hour speech and half-hour discussion, Miller argued that pre-20th Century art, often perceived in America as an ineffable, static concept manifesting only on library shelves and in galleries, should be actively performed and reenvisioned, citing his own experience in directing theatre and opera.

Weekend Weather

Saturday: Cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs near 50.

Sunday: Chance of tsunamis. Highs near 40.

Ambassadors, advisors, and reporters attend conference on Bosnia and Haiti

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such constitutes an outside aggression against Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Misic lamented the fact that Western countries and other outside observers excuse their "impotence and incompetence" in the matter by saying that the war is nothing but a manifestation of an age-old conflict which cannot be resolved in a year. Nobody takes pains to probe deeper into the regional history and every modern conflict there is blamed on the proverbial Balkan temperament. Pointing to the multi-ethnic background of Bosnia, Misic said that since 1492, Bosnia has been a "blooming multicultural society" where Croats, Serbs, Muslims, Albanians, Gypsies, and Jews have lived next to each other and where mosques, churches, and synagogues have stood next to each other in harmony. As an example of Bosnian commitment to cultural and religious pluralism, Misic exclaimed, "I am a Croat. A Bosnian Croat. A Roman Catholic."

Talking about American interests in the Bosnian conflict, the deputy ambassador said that Bosnia-Herzegovina stands for multiculturalism, human rights and democracy — in short, everything the United States stands for. If the New World Order is to succeed, it must be applied not only in economic interest situations but everywhere. Inaction in a situation like Bosnia sends the message that "Western principles are to be preached over the world but applied only in favor of Western interests." And last, but not least, unchecked Serbian extremism may send an encouraging message to emerging fascist forces in Russia. Misic ended his speech by saying "Victims suffer but not from amnesia."

Chuck Sudetic, who was in Bosnia-Herzegovina last December reporting for *New York Times*, traced the changing times in Sarajevo in his speech "Strolling through the Cross-Hairs: the Psychology of Despair in Sarajevo." Sudetic said that the multicultural character of Sarajevo has eroded since the beginning of the war in April 1992. A lot of original inhabitants of the city, particularly the professional class, the mixed descent class, and the intellectual class, have left the city. The vacuum has been filled with refugees and war survivors from other areas of Bosnia — people who have probably been radicalized after having survived Serbian atrocities.

Professor Denitch, in his speech "The Responsibility of the West," elaborated on what kind of Western stance could have averted the tragedy in former Yugoslavia. In 1988, when the reformist Markovic was the Yugoslav president, there was hope that Yugoslavia would survive. At that point, the West should have sent out a strong signal that "secessionists will not be supported", just as the West did in the Biafran war for independence from Nigeria. Lack of such a signal, and Serbian insistence on centralization of Yugoslavia, doomed the country.

Denitch criticized the hasty diplomatic recognition of Slovenia and Croatia by Germany without exacting any guarantees from the nascent countries on upholding of democratic principles and protection of minority rights. Ethnically-defined states, such as Croatia, shouldn't have been recognized at all.

According to Denitch, the West should have taken some pre-emptive action when it became clear to all that Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina would be attacked. For example, stationing a U. S. cruiser off the coast of Dubrovnik (in Croatia) would have discouraged the Serbs from relentless pounding of the city.

At the end of the three speeches, Richard Haass commented briefly on each speech. He opined that even though there is an element of external aggression in the Bosnian war, as Misic pointed out, the nature of the war is very much like that of a civil war. Saying that "Humpty Dumpty cannot be put together again," Haass agreed with Sudetic that the future of multiculturalism in Bosnia seems bleak because of the forced movement of populations and radicalization of survivors.

Going over the lessons learned from the Bosnian conflict, Haass emphasized that diplomatic actions shouldn't be taken without considering their consequences, and that if force is to be used it should be used early in the conflict and used decisively. Reflecting on the trend of not getting involved in foreign conflicts, Haass ended his commentary that "the choice of not acting is as much a choice with consequences as any other choice."

Writing conference draws positive reactions

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Collins '96, Tim Fox '96, Molly Soule '97 and Kim Torres '97 explored how to establish a good rapport during a writing conference. Bonnie Carr '95, Marsha Drummond '96, and Rebecca Kemnitz '95 hosted the presentation, "First-Year Students in Jeopardy! Transition from High School to College-Level Writing."

Sharon Williams agreed that the day was successful, and she notes that a "number of students from other schools were excited for the chance to have other tutors go to their school. The conference was a good experience, people loved and were impressed by Hamilton. The tutors from Union were really inspired by Gosselink and Klein's panel discussion."

Next Fall, Clarkson will host the Upstate New York Writing Center Consortium Conference. During the fall of '96, the conference will be hosted by Colgate.

Sharon Williams explained that the UNYWCC occurred on the same day as the Intercollegiate reading series. She said, "On Saturday, there was a whole crew of writing tutors, and a craft of writers on the Hill. The two fit together well, and are nice compliments to each other."

Fox suggested that for future conferences, more outlets need to be provided to foster more interaction between tutors from different colleges. "Maybe students from different schools could come together to do projects. Visiting another writing center would be very beneficial. I enjoyed hearing other methods of tutoring and different perspectives on how a writing conference should work."

The Office of Admission is looking for tour guides. The application deadline for the positions is quickly approaching.

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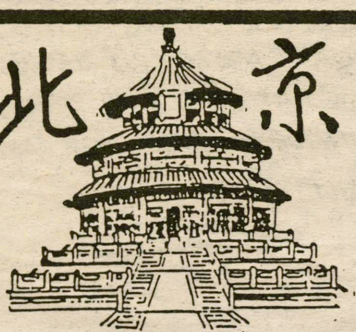

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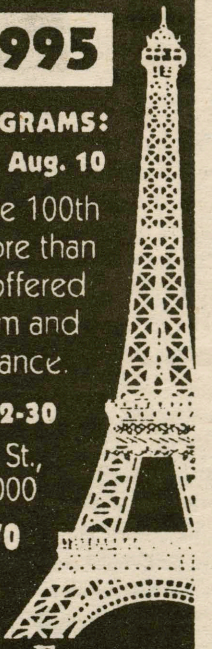

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EDITORIAL

Alexander Hamilton too, a victim of senseless vandalism

Another, all-too-frequent, senseless act of destruction took place on our campus last weekend. This time, it involved the College's bronze statue of Alexander Hamilton, a venerable landmark that stands guard but a few hundred feet from the Chapel. Someone, in the wee hours of Saturday morning, tied a noose around the statue, and pulled it down with a truck left behind by a construction crew working on the installation of the Campus Network.

This shameful act has rightfully provoked condemnation from members of the Hamilton community. President Tobin has described the actions of the those responsible for the act as "infantile behavior" while most others have joined him in support. Further, he noted, "The statue is an important embodiment of Hamilton's culture and customs."

The harm this community suffers as the result of the act that has occurred, cannot be measured only in dollar amounts, currently estimated to be in the thousands of dollars. An act like this inflicts a blow to the Hamilton institution itself, which has lost, perhaps permanently, one of its longest enduring symbols.

This act of vandalism was only the latest in the Alexander Hamilton statue's tragic recent history. In the late 1980's, at the height of the Batman craze, a group of students painted the statue in a Joker motif, while more than a decade ago, the statue was removed, only to be rediscovered after an extended period of absence.

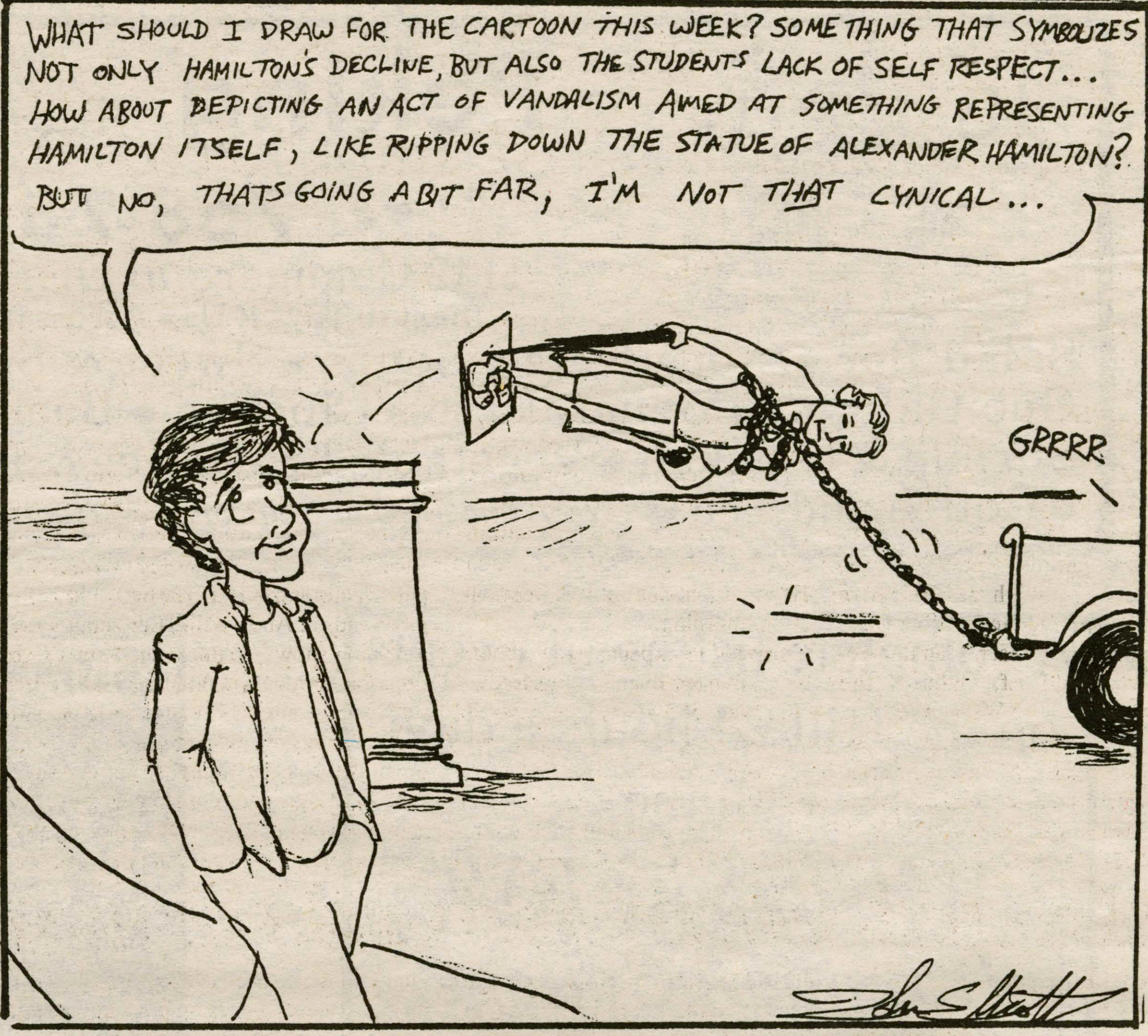
In addition, the Hamilton community has been shaken by other recent acts of destruction, including the toppling of a tree in front of Carnegie Residence Hall and mangling of several bicycles by the Burke Library.

Appropriate punitive measures must be taken against those involved in the vandalism of the Alexander Hamilton statue. They did not commit their actions out of ignorance, or in an attempt to be amusing. They most bear full responsibility for what they have done, both financially and otherwise.

We must also question the wisdom of leaving a heavy construction vehicle unattended overnight, with the keys to its ignition under the seat. A few simple precautions might have been enough to prevent the occurrence of this unfortunate event.

This event serves merely as a reminder to us that the actions of a few misguided individuals can bring a sense of grief and violation to an entire community. Hamilton has long prided itself on its sense of community and respect for one another. Incidents like the one last weekend only work against these attributes.

Fortunately, this incident is not the type with the potential to create conflict and divisiveness on our campus. We can all agree that the act was wrong, shameful, and must not be repeated. We must move forward from here, into a future devoid of these distressingly frequent acts of senseless vandalism.



Letters to the Editor

BLSU member cites incident of campus ignorance

To the editor:

The issue of diversity on the Hamilton College campus has been one of concern for both students of color and those of the dominant culture. For the first time in its history of cultural events, the Black and Latino Student Union is sponsoring a talent show. As one of its coordinators, I have been posting flyers in advertisement of the talent show. In less than 2 days all but 4 of the flyers have been removed from the Science Building, the Athletic Center, the Christian-Johnson Building, McEwen dinning hall and Bristol Campus Center.

This is not only a childish thing to do, but it also shows intolerence and a level of ignorance on this campus. As an executive board member of the Black and Latino Student Union, I feel I can speak for the organization in saying we feel insulted and disrespected by these actions. I kindly ask for those individuals who are pulling down these, or any other flyers, to grow up. I am no longer asking you to recognize or at least tolerate other cultures, it is obvious that your ignorance has overpowered your actions.

Sandra Cepeda '97

Residential Life Decision violates individual rights

To the editor:

So Gene Tobin and the trustees have taken Hamilton College down the path of political correctness. True liberal education, based on the search for truth and the scientific method, no longer can flourish because the faculty and administration have superimposed their political agenda of egalitarianism and multiculturalism at the expense of individual rights, including property rights and freedom.

As Hamilton College becomes yet another school that one simply must endure as a rite of passage and where true liberal education no longer takes place, students who cherish freedom and individual rights can take heart that education is a life-long process controlled by each individual. Remember that Thomas Edison was self-taught. You too can educate yourself. Read Thomas Sowell, Ayn Rand, and Bastiat's The Law.

The social engineers can, for a time, control some of men's actions, but they cannot control men's minds. They couldn't in Russia and Eastern Europe. They couldn't in South Africa. They can't in Cuba. They won't at Hamilton College.

Peter D. Laird P'91, '97

Hamilton overspends on trivial repairs

To the editor:

Attention all Pentagon sub-contractors: forget the U.S. Armed Forces, come to Hamilton College. You thought you could make money charging $200 for a screwdriver? That's nickels and dimes. Listen to this:

Paint over student graffiti and make tons of cash!!! For example, Hamilton pays $140 for painting over four words (with letters 10 - 16" tall) on the side of a building. This is only 10 or 20 minutes of work! Sounds too good to be true? Who cares, we just charge the students. Heck, we just raised the tuition again, we can pay for anything.

In all seriousness, for the past six years I've worked construction and painted houses. Even if the graffiti section was sanded down, painted with a primer coat and then given a final finish, there is no way that the cost would run $140. Are we paying one person to paint, one to supervise and five more to blow the paint dry? Is there some special sort of paint used on Beinecke? Come on, I'll do the job myself for $25 and save the rest of the student body the outrageous price tag you have somehow assessed for a simple paint job.

Eric Klein '95

Alumnus says: Hamilton's reforms miss the mark

To the editor:

The Report of the Committee on Residential Life has reached me.

Permit me to suggest that requiring four years of a second language and requiring four years of public speaking would go considerably further toward achieving our goal "to deliver well-educated, articulate and responsible citizens" than "requiring a five day meal plan."

Might it even be a unique selling proposition to achieve our goal of attracting the brightest to the Hill?

Roger Pisani '57

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

C.C.C. announces Class and Charter Day and asks for support

To the editor:

The commitment made by the College to alter and expand the social setting here at Hamilton was made explicit in their residential life decision (this is not another commentary on the decision.. keep on reading). This change, however, is to evolve over the next few years and, some of us, would prefer to initiate this social revolution immediately. Thus, the Community Conference Committee (CCC) has been progressing through a deliberative series of planning to ensure our Class and Charter Day reaches an unprecedented level of,...what's the word...uniqueness? We have reached that stage of planning, however, which necessitates the cooperation and commitment by those beyond the confines of CCC. I would like to brief the Hill on our scheduled events, and request the active participation and assistance by all.

Formerly, the afternoon of Class and Charter Day was reserved for Springfest activities. CAB, however, has moved Springfest to the weekend before, leaving a gaping hole in the social agenda. CCC has pledged to provide the campus with an eccentric array of activities.The event has been titled "Explore Your World" (borrowed from the Discovery Channel), and will begin around 1PM and continue until the wee hours of the morning.

What to expect? How about a giant twister event comprised of more than 30 twister boards pieced together, capable of turning into something quite bizarre? Have you ever wanted to learn how to prepare and eat sushi rolls and fried dumplings? You will. Discover the wonders of Native American painting from a respected artist? Uh-huh. Oh, did I mention the music? How about reggae? Yup. And the soothing sounds of Doc Woods and his infamous Jazz Ensemble? And the Committee that will bring this to you is the CCC.

Piecing it all together, the day will be quite an event. Informal booths will be set up for HEAG, Amnesty International, NORML, Tie-dying (with plenty of shirts to participate) and others. The list could go on and on. And it will. How about a fashion show? Witness the strutting of individuals in fabulous traditional ethnic attire. Eye the massive Campus Unity Quilt that will drape down the List Art Center, from the roof to the ground, constructed by campus groups. There will be dance performances by dance majors, singing by singing majors, and the harmonious sounds of Special K. I've reached peak nerve tittilation...I must stop.

This is not an exaggeration. All these events are scheduled with the completion of only one stage of planning left to guarantee the success of this monumental event: finances.

CCC has been scampering around, dipping into various financial resources around campus. We still need your help. Any group or organization that would like to sponsor this event, please contact Tarik Abdelazim (853-4536) or Jon Berkowitz (x1573). Departments, campus organizations, societies, clubs, etc. are all capable of using their financial resources to help ease our financial stress. This event will be receiving external publicity as well. Big Brothers/ Big Sisters has been asked to provide buddies for the possibility of busing up hundreds of youngsters. I'm sure residents of Clinton will greatly embrace this experience and attend the Hamilton event. Therefore, this new era of Hamilton does not require a summer reprieve. We can begin the transformation now. Show the commitment of a Hamiltonian, and ensure that this event reaches peak performance.

This event begins with you. Speak to club members, department heads, society presidents, etc. and give either Tarik or Jon a call ASAP. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Tarik Abdelazim '95
Chair of CCC

J-Board Chair defends organization's position

To the editor:

As Chair of the Judicial Board, it is partially my responsibility to answer to accusations made by Bill Russell in last week's Spectator. Basing his arguments upon half-truths, misinformation, and hearsay, Bill's point was that Hamilton's judicial system is chaotic and prejudicial. While I acknowledge that our system's procedure could be improved, I will show below that Bill's procedural concerns were unfounded. Additionally, I hope to address some of Bill's more subjective concerns by discussing the purpose of the Judicial Board and its methodology.

The Hamilton College judicial system begins with a violation of school policy, as set forth in *On the Hill*. When an eye-witness or investigation by a student (usually an R.A.), administrator, or campus safety officer determines who is allegedly responsible, the paper-work begins. Jeff Landry, the judicial coordinator, and I then review the written report of the activity to decide whether or not the case warrants a hearing. If the case is serious enough to require a Judicial Board hearing, the accused students appear before a panel composed of seven elected students and three elected faculty. While it is the Board's responsibility to decide whether the accused is responsible, and if so, to determine the sanction, it is my responsibility to orchestrate the hearing and make sure that the Board follows procedure.

With the above introduction to the Judicial Board's procedure, we are now in a position to refute a few of Bill Russell's allegations. While Bill maintains that Jeff Landry serves as both judicial coordinator and solicitor general, Mr. Landry's true role is only the former. While he serves to advise accused students about the process and to monitor the hearing, another administrator always serves as the College's solicitor.

Bill also asserts that the Judicial Board does not pay attention to the sanctions of previous cases, and therefore operates without the restriction of precedent. Whatever impression Bill may have gained from a Board member, it is my responsibility during the deliberations of the Board to ensure that it is behaving within the boundaries of precedent. If it is not, the Board must fully justify its departure from previous sanctions. Furthermore, every Board member should have at least a passing knowledge of past sanctions, which are discussed during the Board's training.

The most unsettling aspect of Bill Russell's article was the language which he used to describe our justice system. For example: "agonizing failure," "unfair," and "victimizing." While talking with Bill in preparation for my editorial, he attempted to justify his beliefs with a few vague examples. While he was obviously swayed by bitter second-hand accounts, I do wish that he would consider the Board's position as well. It is our job to hand out sanctions which suit the cases—and we debate long and hard over the more severe sanctions—but students have to accept the penalty for their actions. If, on the other hand, people feel that our judicial *procedure* treated them unfairly, then I ought to hear about it directly from them. After all, it is my job to run a fair hearing, and I appreciate advice.

The long and the short of it is that while practically all of Bill Russell's assertions were either false or misleading, he is right to initiate dialogue concerning our judicial system. What I utterly condemn, however, is uninformed monologue. It is quite easy for those not involved in our process to form incorrect assumptions, due to the privacy which the Board must maintain to protect students. With that warning, I never again want to hear of anyone offering sermons of lies concerning our judicial system. There is no reason why any curious person could not ask a member of the Board, an administrator, or me about the judicial process. It may be that we must maintain the privacy of a case, but at least you could avoid making the kind of mistakes that we all saw in last week's Spectator.

On a Lighter Note

Now I offer a sales pitch, since elections are coming up. I consider one of Hamilton's best qualities to be its small size. By attending such a small school, you—yes, you—have the ability to become a powerful force on the campus: the best way to exercise that ability is to run for public office. To tell you the truth, I never thought that I would do such a thing, yet I took a chance and ended up being elected to the Judicial Board as a representative, and later as the Chair.

I claim that my experience with the Board has been the most educational experience during my time on the Hill. I have learned to hold my peers accountable for their actions. I have learned how to question and listen effectively, how to reach the best conclusion from conflicting stories, how to extemporaneously defend my viewpoints (as well as yield them), and many other intangible lessons. Serving on the Board is hard work, but you will never again have such a good opportunity to learn and help your community.

Finally, please be good—the Board members and I would appreciate a little more free time.

Todd Moore '95

ELS does not live up to its non-selective ideals

To the editor:

I am writing in reference to last week's article and picture regarding the Emerson Literary Society. Those members of the campus community who are unfamiliar with ELS may be led to believe that those members pictured are the entire body of the Society. In fact, there are several members, including myself, who were not invited to pose for the picture.

This is another example of the blatant and obvious bias existing within ELS. Those of us who were not invited to participate are mostly non-in-house members, and, because of this fact, we are considered non-persons to the in-house members of the Society. In-house members make it perfectly clear that non-in-house members are not welcome at the ELS house. The opinion of the majority of ELS in-house members is apparently that a member of ELS who does not live in the house is not worth their attention or their friendship, and any non-in-house member that has the audacity to visit their house should be ignored and made to feel unwelcome. I personally have had this experience, and I know I'm not alone.

Like many first year students, last year I was lured by the appeal of what ELS represented: a non-selective, non judgemental society, distinct and seperate from the Greek society culture of constant partying and rabble-rousing. But when I, like many other non-in-house members, found myself unable to live at the ELS house due to the housing lottery, I was promptly spurned and ostracized by my "friends" at the Society. Only now, a year later, do I realize that ELS gives only lip service to the idea of non-selectivity, and has set itself upon a high horse just as much as any society on this campus.

I, for one, in a way approve of the Residential Life Decision, because it will take away from the physical barriers which societies use to seperate themselves from the disenfranchised masses of the campus community. It will force them to interact with the community at large. Despite the fact that the majority of in-house ELS members are seniors, I feel that this will be a necessary lesson in humility for the Emerson Literary Society as a whole.

Tim O'Brien '97

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1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to *The Spectator* via campus mail or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can also be placed in the Letters and Op-Ed box outside the Spectator's office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

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4. The editor also reserves the right to return the piece to be rewritten.

5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on a Macintosh disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.

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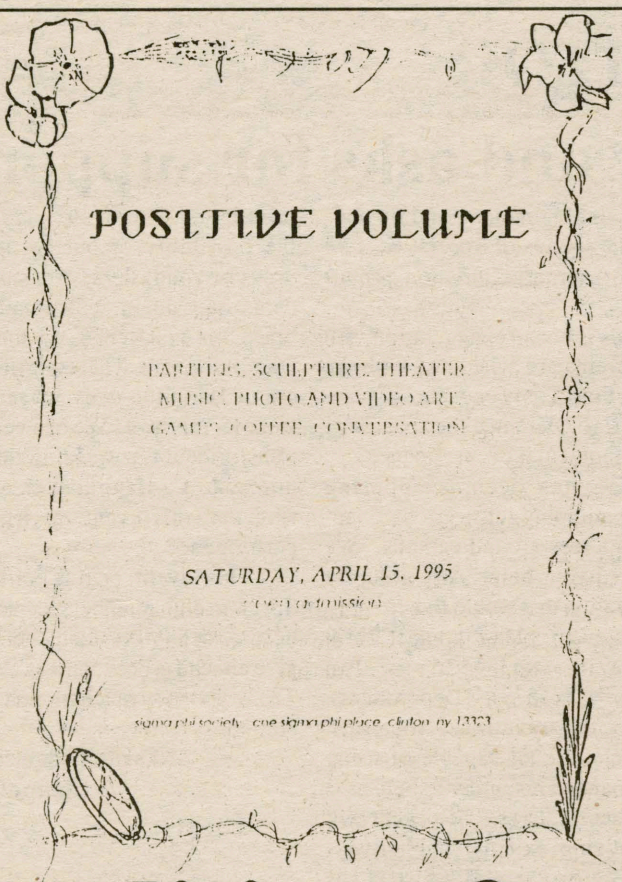

Let's make spring concert a memorable celebration

BY DAVID TOWNSEND '97
A&E EDITOR

Risk taking has always been a necessary condition for success. To take no risks is to resign yourself to certain mediocrity. You can't fail if you forever side with safety, in fact, you don't even get the chance. I often feel that our Hamilton community too often positions itself so that failure becomes impossible, and in doing so sacrifices what could be brilliant success.

A small, but not insignifigant example of this has been the planning of the spring concert. It is my understanding that George Clinton is to perform in the fieldhouse. The selection, I applaud, but the location? While I understand how easy this location would be to use, I cannot understand why we can't put forth some additional effort and have a outdoor concert. There are few things that large groups of people can enjoy together that can lift and free the spirit more gathering outside to listen to good music.

The benefits to such an undertaking far outway the risks. If we were to have a concert on the steps of the library, the risk of rain would only be for the audience, the overhang would more than protect the band's equipment. Since an outdoor concert would be scheduled in the afternoon, if it were to rain the concert could possibly be moved inside for the evening. And if rain was looking inevitable for the day, then the fieldhouse could be the last resort. Let's take some risks and plan the spring concert outside. The fresh air and sun would make the experience unforgettable.

Understandably, this plan might require more money from the school, and I understand the schools reluctance to commit to something like this. But if the school plans to offer viable social solutions for it's students, its got to start offering the kinds of things that students can get exited about. It'll be spring, let's get outside and enjoy it!

Auditions for Jack or the Submission

BY RUBEN RIVERO '95
A&E STAFF WRITER

Auditions are still being held for the play *Jack or the Submission*," by Eugene Ionesco. The performance, to take place in May, will be directed by Douglas West '95 as part of his senior project in theatre.

Jack or the submission is representative of the absurd movement in literature during the mid-twentieth century, a time when Western civilization was severely questioned by most intellectuals as two world wars resulted on the genocide of millions. Jack is an uninterested young man who patiently listens to his mother, father, sister, and grandparents, in their effort to convince him to get married. Frequent long monologues convey the image of a family with poor communication skills, as their speech emphasizes inner feelings at the expense of the necessary compromises that result from effective dialogues.

This play is of special significance to me, as it was the first major play in which I was part of the cast. That was seven years ago, while in high school. Our theatre group had a full year to rehearse it, because of our age and because we met only once a week. Nevertheless, a month should be sufficient time for those Hamilton students willing to put in eight to ten hours a week. This three-scene play should last less than half an hour on stage, as Ionesco's dissatisfaction with modern society entailed him to write concisely during most of his career. Other famous works by Ionesco include *The Bald Female Singer* and *The Lesson.*

If you are interested in exploring your performing capabilities through this most amusing and profound play, please contact Doug at x0346. Some of the characters still need actors.

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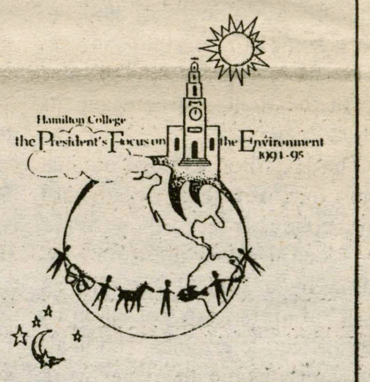

The President's
Focus on the Environment

The fourth in this series will be:

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Saturday, April 29

Watch out for Earthfest, a festival to celebrate Earth Day and the environment and to help clean up Rogers Glen. Watch this space for more details. Plan to come out on the 29th for fun in the sun!

Environmental Art on Display

Works by environmentally conscious artists will be on display in the Emerson Gallery March 3 - April 9, 1995. "Listening to the Earth: Artists and the Environment" features 22 paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, and mixed-media installations by New York City-area artists Janet Culbertson, Alan Gussow, Maren Hassinger, Gillian Jagger, Bobbi Mastrangelo, and Karen Shaw. For more information call the Gallery office, 859-4396.

The Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) meets every Thursday night at 7:00 in the Blue Pit in K-J. Everyone is welcome to come and find out more about HEAG and the plans for Earthfest.

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The Fantastics; a classic tale of two young lovers - and their fathers

The plot of "The Fantasticks" is classic: two young lovers unite in spite of the feud between their families. Or so they think. In fact, the love story has a twist in this romantic musical comedy. The fathers of the boy and girl plot to get them together, not to separate them. Building a wall between their children, the fathers hope, will bring the children together. Their plan works, but for how long?

"The Fantasticks" will be staged Friday at 8p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m. in the chapel. The musical has been directed by Sky Berdhal. The cast is as follows: Ashley Van Valkenburgh, Erin Doherty, Jim Eisenberg, Todd Monsell, Dave Arkema, and Sam Margles. Alan Lee is the accompanist and LaToya Jackson is the stage manager.

Master of mime, masks, and storytelling to perform in Chapel

Doug Berky, an internationally recognized artist of mime, masks and storytelling, will perform on Saturday, April 8, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 9, at 11:30 a.m. Both performances will be held in the Fillius Events Barn.

The performances, organized by the Hamilton College Chapel are free and open to the public. The April 8 performance will be secular, while the Sunday skit will be a non-traditional service observing Palm Sunday.

Berky received his training at the Dell'Arte School of Mime and Comedy in California. He then began performing with The Two Penny Circus, a New England touring theatre. Berky later became apprentice to mime artist Tony Montanaro and performed with the Montanaro Mime Theatre. He also spent one year touring with Sunshine Too, the touring theatre of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

In 1983, Berky began his work as a solo artist and instructor. He has performed and taught in schools for the deaf, and also in public schools and colleges throughout the U.S. and Canada. He also taught mime, masks and storytelling at the Commedia School, a professional training school with locations in Mexico, Sweden, Canada, Denmark, West Germany and Poland.

Berky is currently artist-in-residence at Furman University in South Carolina. His recent accomplishments include writing and performing a children's video series.

Adeline's Movie Time

Outbreak, a new thriller with a fresh twist on horror, opened recently at Sangertown. The film stars Dustin Hofmann as a military specialist on viral diseases, and Rene Russo as his ex-wife. The villain in Outbreak is not some communist fighter pilot gone mad, or any of your typical Schwarzenegger fare, but a virus found in Zaire. (Poet and I didn't know it! ha, ha)

The basic plot revolves around a new virus that has destroyed an entire township in Africa, and Dustin Hoffmann travels to study it's horrifying effects on the victims. He returns to proclaim that a new virus has been found that deserves immediate attention and warns his supervisor to alert all local hospitals for symptoms. However, his supervisor is very reluctant to send an alert because, as only the audience knows, the U.S. government has been studying the virus since 1967 as a possible infectious weapon. When the disease is carried to the U.S. by a monkey, an entire town is affected and then placed under strict quarantine. The remainder of the film revolves around Hoffmann's relationship with his ex-wife, his search for a cure for the disease and the exposure of severe corruption in the military.

The film does an excellent job of portraying perhaps the most dangerous potential enemy facing the world today. Although they are typically ignored, Outbreak clearly depicts the full potential of deadly viruses.

I thought at first that it might prove difficult to truly scare someone with a disease, but one scene in the movie proved me wrong. The scene follows the cough of one person infected with the deadly virus as it dissipates throughout a movie theatre, leading me to reconsider my own defenses as I wriggled in my seat. Outbreak also mildly addresses the morality of chemical warfare, and projects a decidedly negative view of the military.

The acting in the film was tremendous. Dustin Hoffmann was fantastic and Rene Russo also does and excellent job of portraying his ex-wife. Her character was quite atypical for Hollywood. She is a doctor studying the viruses as well, and maintains her powerful role with ease and grace. The writers resisted the urge to make her either the cold-hearted bitch or geeky klutz that usually stereotype women in a "traditionally male" profession on the silver screen. They also kept the make-up to a minimum when she, herself becomes infected with the disease. It was a refreshing break from the typical female roles we find so often.

This is a unique film with an all-star cast and a new perspective. It shows some gory scenes of the dying patients so go see it, but not after a big dinner!

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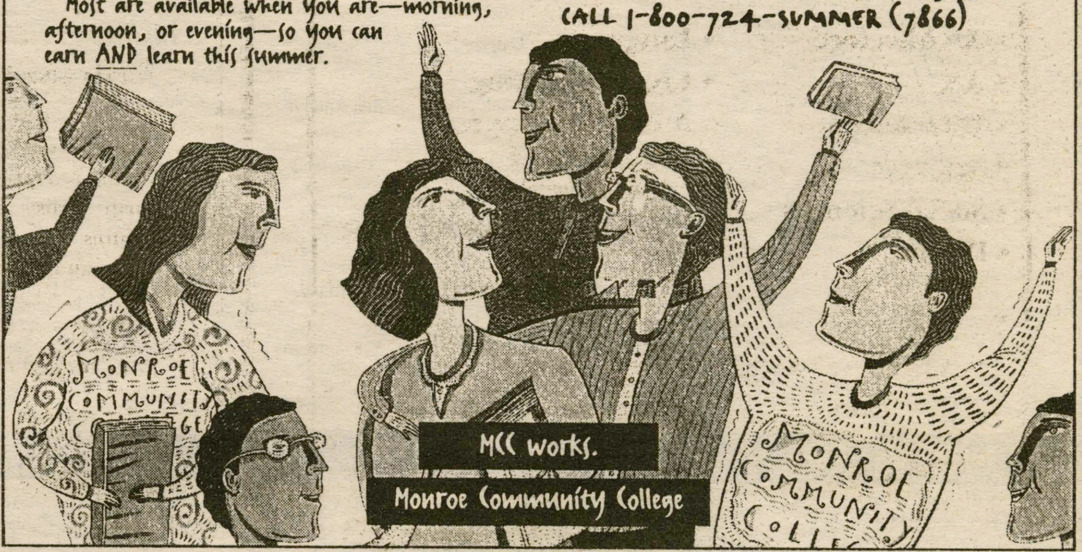

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Men's Golf							
Men's Lacrosse		Williams 2:00 p.m.				Rochester 4:00 p.m.	
Women's Lacrosse		Union 1:00 p.m.				Cortland 3:30 p.m.	
Men's Tennis		Ithaca 1:00 p.m.				Binghamton 3:00 p.m.	Hartwick 3:30 p.m.
Women's Softball		Russell Sage (2) 1:00 p.m.			Skidmore (2) 3:30 p.m.	Albany 4:00 p.m.	
Track & Field		Union 1:00 a.m.					

Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

UCLA Returns To Glory

In the NCAA: UCLA looked good throughout the NCAA tournament, but were never better than in the championship, where they defeated defending champ Arkansas. Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the Bruins win was that they were without point guard Tyus Edney, who was limited by a sprained wrist suffered against Oklahoma State. Ed O'Bannon, who scored 30 points in the championship, was certainly deserving of the MVP award. O'Bannon deferred to Edney, claiming that the Little General was indeed most valuable. Looking to next season, freshman Toby Bailey left fans wondering just what else he has in store. Bailey lit up the Razorbacks, scoring 26, and looking like the most impressive freshman in the championship since you know who back in 1982. Bailey will lead the outstanding group of Bruin newcomers as they try to repeat next year. The Bruins lose O'Bannon, Edney, and George Zidek, but return more talent than most teams had this season, including Cameron Dollar, who ran the point position well in Edney's absence. The Bruins have to be the early favorites for next year... University of Connecticut's women hoopsters, behind Rebecca Lobo, marched through the tournament, remaining undefeated at 35-0. UConn took the crown by beating Tennessee, 70-64... Arizona State's Mario Bennett will forego his senior season and enter the NBA draft... Jerry Tarkanian, former UNLV head coach, took the head coaching position at his alma mater, Fresno State..

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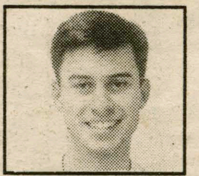

Trip MacCracken

In baseball: Thank the lord, the strike is over. The season opens April 25... Montreal began cost-cutting measures this week, as they unloaded pitchers Ken Hill and John Wetteland. Outfielder Marquis Grissom will be traded next, and Larry Walker will leave as well, signing with the Colorado Rockies. The Expos plight is reminiscent of the San Diego Padres fire sale two seasons ago. Felipe Alou has his work cut out for him... Bo Jackson retired earlier this week, saying he wanted to spend more time with his family. He said if he tries a comeback, "I promise I'll run through the streets of New York City in drag."...

In football: Herschel Walker signed with the New York Giants, bringing him within two teams of a sweep of the NFC East. Walker adds another power runner to the Giant backfield, and will be able to take some of the load from Rodney Hampton... With all of the highly-touted quarterbacks coming out in this year's draft, it will be interesting to see which pan out and which don't. This draft is as heavy in quarterbacks as was 1983's, which saw Dan Marino and John Elway among the five quarterbacks taken in the first round. This year's draft will be held April 22, and should include at least four quarterbacks in the first round... If Patriot quarterback Drew Bledsoe starts the first ten games this season, then the final three years of his contract are voided, thereby making him a restricted free agent. Patriot execs were snoozing when they included that clause. There's no reason to allow Bledsoe to become a free agent, albeit restricted, so early in his career...

Miscellaneous: Someone please tell me why every major publication in the United states came out with an article on the problem with gambling in the last week. Gambling has been around forever. Why is it all of a sudden the issue of note?... And finally, Bruin alum and NBC analyst Bill Walton predicts more good times for the national champs: "UCLA's recruitment machine, even before last night, was in place and rolling... I think they'll be even better next year."

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Houston at Denver 4/9	Denver	Houston	Denver	Houston	Houston	Houston
NHL						
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers 4/2	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Islanders	Islanders	Rangers
N.Y. Rangers at N.J. Devils 4/2	Rangers	Rangers	Devils	Rangers	Devils	Rangers

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My Two Cents

Gender equity in Hamilton athletics

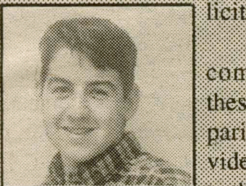
By Samuel M. Walker '96
Sports Editor

This is the first of a two part series focusing on gender equity in the Hamilton College athletics program.

"An athletics program can be considered equitable when the participants in both the men's and women's sports programs would accept as fair and equitable the overall program of the other gender. No individual should be discriminated against on the basis of gender, institutionally or nationally, in intercollegiate athletics."

--NCAA Gender-Equity Task Force

At the beginning of the semester, I was invited to a meeting of Hamilton's Gender-Equity Committee. Along with other members of the local media, I was included because the committee wanted to know whether the media found any gender inequities in the Hamilton athletic program. In the last month or so, I have become extremely aware of the gender-equity issue. I have been probing around the Hamilton community, talking about the issue with anyone who will talk to me. These are some of the questions which have challenged me regarding gender-equity in athletics: Why was the Gender-Equity Committee formed? Are there noticeable gender inequities in Hamilton sports? If there is a problem, what are some of the solutions?



In order to help me in this task, I have had the good fortune of being able to talk with two prominent authorities on the issue: Dan Chambliss, the chair of the Gender-Equity Committee, and Tom Murphy, the athletic director of Hamilton College and a member of the Gender-Equity Committee. Although Professor Chambliss and Coach Murphy informed me on the issue and provided me with a great deal of information, there are many parts of this issue to which they did not have answers.

For those who know little or nothing about the Gender-Equity Committee on this campus, let me attempt to enlighten you.

Formed by President Tobin in conjunction with the Dean of Students and the Athletic Director, the Gender-Equity Committee was set up last year to evaluate the College's progress in achieving gender-equity in the intercollegiate athletics program. The committee is dedicated to the premise that Hamilton continue to insure that both men and women athletes receive equal opportunities for a first rate athletic experience. According to Professor Chambliss, "we are a presidential advisory committee, whose job is to report back to Gene Tobin on what gender inequities we may find in Hamilton athletics."

The crux of this issue deals with Title IX. Title IX is a clause in the 1972 Educational Amendments (which was in regard to the 1964 Civil Rights Act) that says any institution that receives federal funding should not discriminate by gender against any programs. So how does Title IX apply to Hamilton athletics? Hamilton along with other colleges and universities around the country must meet certain requirement to comply with Title IX. The three categories that the Office of Civil Rights analyzes for compliance are: **Accommodation of Interests and Abilities (Sport Offerings), Scholarships,** (not applicable to Hamilton), **and Other Program Areas.** In the last category of **Other Program Areas** there are 11 program components which are analyzed for compliance. (This includes areas such as coaching, publicity, and equipment.)

Determining compliance for any of these factors requires comparing the benefits provided to all men's teams to the benefits provided to all women's teams. Without boring you with details, last year's committee deemed Hamilton to be in legal compliance with Title IX. The committee found that Hamilton was in accordance with at least one of these three parts of the Office of Civil Right's test. Passing the bare requirements of Title IX, however, appears to be about as hard as passing out of Physical Education at Hamilton. According to Professor Chambliss, "the true testament of whether Title IX is being followed is when each gender thinks the other's overall program is fair. Thus, the opposite sexes would be willing to accept the comparable programs of the other."

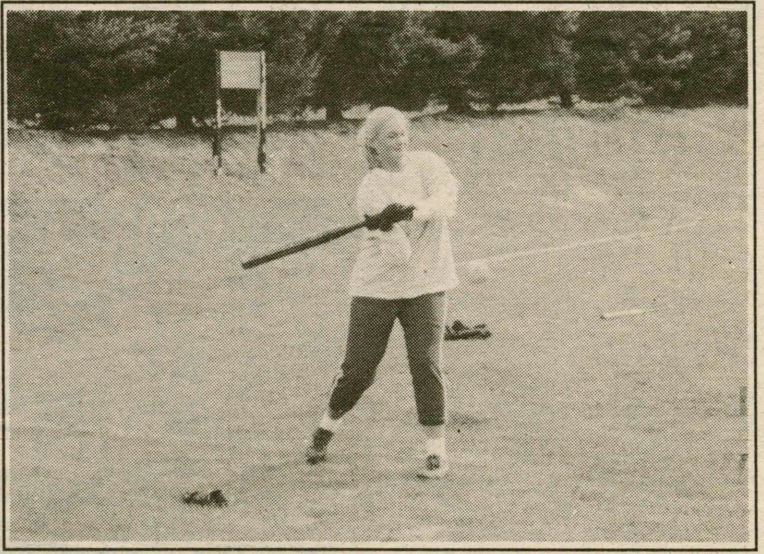
The basic question of whether Hamilton is currently providing equal support to its athletic programs for both males and females is precisely what Professor Chambliss and the Gender-Equity Committee are considering at the present time. In the concluding comments from last year's Gender-Equity Committee's report, the committee wrote, "the Committee sees this report as a step but not the final step in the process of monitoring equity in the area of intercollegiate athletics."

Although the Hamilton athletic program legally complies with Title IX, many gender inequities still remain. It makes you wonder whether we are actually giving a fair shake to women's sports at Hamilton. Next week, I will add my two cents to this compelling issue.

Come out for the Hamilton College 5 Mile Run to be held at 10 AM on April 23rd.. Registration is only $3 for students, faculty, and staff. Forms can be picked up in the Athletic Office or the Fitness Center and are due by April 14. Late registration is $10. Any questions, contact Anne Haggerty, x 4806.

Softball loses doubleheader to RIT

By Greg Nussbaum '98
Sports Staff Writer



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Weather permitting, the women's softball team will travel to Russell Sage tomorrow.

The 1995 Hamilton women's softball team dropped both games of a doubleheader last Saturday to R.I.T., 10-0 and 5-4. The two losses dropped the previously undefeated team to 2-2. R.I.T. blew out the Continentals in the first game, as Kristin Ring '96 gave up seven runs in the third inning en route to her first loss. Only five of the ten R.I.T. runs were earned, as the Continentals were shaky in the field, committing four errors. Hamilton could only muster five hits.. three by Michelle Pickett '96, against R.I.T. standout hurler Ann Walker . On the bright side, Pickett continued her torrid assault on opposing pitchers, batting an unprecedented .583.

In the second game, Hamilton held a 4-3 lead going into the seventh, but R.I.T rallied with two runs in the bottom of the inning to steal away a heartbreaker and the victory. Tri-captain Marsha Foster '95 pitched well, giving up only five hits in seven innings to the prolific R.I.T. lineup. Catcher Gretchen Randall '98 sparked the Continental offense by smacking a pair of doubles, including a two run double in the fourth. Hamilton had no trouble producing baserunners as the team collected six hits, and showed a collective discriminating eye by taking nine walks. Outfielder Kim Colvin '96 scored two runs while Siobhan Williams '97 and Ashley Merriman '98 also crossed home plate for Hamilton. Merriman and Michelle Supprenant '97 also drove in runs for Hamilton. Hamilton plays a doubleheader at SUNY Utica on Thursday, and travels to Russell Sage for a doubleheader Saturday. The Continentals host Skidmore in a doubleheader Tuesday.

Maine weekend is cold to men's tennis

Continentals defeat RPI on Tuesday

By Todd Monsell '98
Sports Staff Writer

The Hamilton College men's tennis team went to the Bates Invitational this past weekend and suffered losses to Bowdoin (6-1), Bates (5-2), and Coast Guard Academy (6-1). In addition, last week, they went on the road and defeated LeMoyne, 6-3, and RPI, 8-1. The Continentals' record now stands at a respectable 8-4.

During a rough weekend in Maine, which Coach Kelley McElroy called a "reality check," the team started slowly in the morning matches and never recovered. Bowdoin's slow surface, which made for lower bounces, was unfamiliar to the Continentals. Against the Coast Guard Academy, McElroy says, "the match could have gone either way, with #2 Jed Whitlock, #3 Chris Snyder, and #1 doubles Hobson/Snyder suffering losses in tight contests.

Hamilton players cleaned up against two New York State rivals, with Jed Whitlock '98, Sam Walker '96 and #1 doubles Hobson/Whitlock all winning against both LeMoyne and RPI. Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer '98 also picked up his first career singles win, defeating RPI's Matt Johnson at the #6 spot, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3, 6-3.

Jason Barnes '98 has continued to tear up the court for the Continentals, picking up lone points for Hamilton against Bowdoin and Coast Guard Academy, and also winning against Bates and RPI to finish the week 4-0. He has compiled an incredible 9-1 record playing primarily the #6 singles spot. Coach McElroy cites his mental toughness as a big reason for his success.

"Talentwise, we can hit with anyone," McElroy says, "but the mental game plays a large part of it as well. You have to assume you will win."

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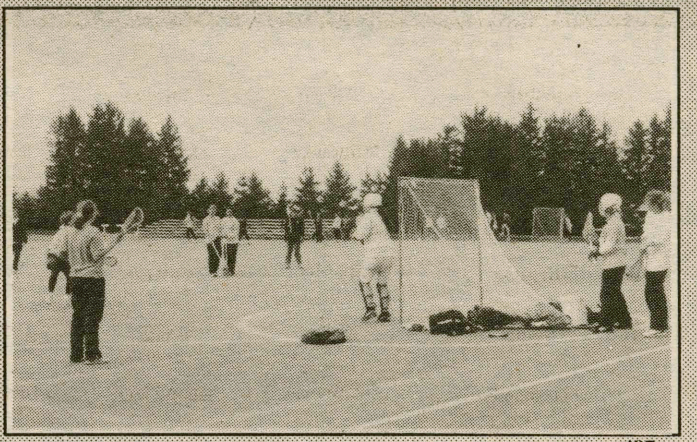

Lacrosse

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

The Continental women split a pair of games this past week, losing 20-9 at nationally third-ranked William Smith and defeating St., 10-6. Their next game is tomorrow at Union.

Trivia Time

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1. Utah Jazz
2. Zero
3. 1980
4. Dominique Wilkins

This Week's Questions:

1. Name the last pitcher other than Greg Maddux to win the National League Cy Young Award.
2. Name the all-time switch-hitting home run leader.
3. Who was the last coach to take UCLA to the Final Four?
4. How many times has Mario Lemieux been named Rookie of the Year?

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Spring snow causes cancellation of game against Keuka

Hilfinger, Freedman lead team in scoring and overall points

By Rick Pizzo '96
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

It has been slow going for the Hamilton's men's lacrosse team this past week, as spring snow forced the cancellation of their scheduled Thursday afternoon game. The team may have been better off if the snow had come this past Saturday, but instead the team lost to Potsdam College 12-5 under blue skies.

Standout senior captain Martin Hilfinger scored two goals, and fabulous freshman Eric Freedman added two more tallies to his season total. Rob Young '95 closed out the scoring for the Continentals, who were disappointed with their offensive output. Anthony Cunningham '95 started in goal for Hamilton, before giving way to Harris Dague '98 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Coach Von Schiller has to be happy with the play of both Hilfinger and Freedman. In the team's three games, the two have combined for a total of 13 goals, approximately fifty percent of the team's total. The team looks to continued production from the two for the rest of the year, as well as increased scoring from Doug Prezzano '97, and Owen Hall '97.

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97
The men's lacrosse team practices hard for their next game tomorrow against Williams. A

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Men's Lax
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Track & Field
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Men's Golf
0-0

Men's baseball off to disappointing start

Lose three out of four to R.I.T. and Rochester, record falls to 3-8

By Mark Granovksy '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

One could attribute Ernest Lawrence Thayer's expression, "There is No Joy in Mudville," to the Hamilton Continentals. The Continentals returned home from Florida to lose three of four to R.I.T. and Rochester. In those four games Hamilton was outscored 36-11. The Clinton nine fall to a 3-8 record on the season.

Hamilton faced R.I.T. in an afternoon doubleheader on Saturday. After losing the first game 9-0, the Continentals responded with a 6-5 victory in the second game. Right fielder Brian Guastella '98 led the offense with two hits and two runs batted in. Pitcher Mike Rahmer '95 allowed only one earned run in five innings of work, recording five strikeouts.

The Continentals faced Rochester in an afternoon doubleheader on Sunday. Hamilton lost the first game 11-2. Guastella was roughed up for eight earned runs in 4 1/3 innings, while striking out three and walking four. Matt Klumpp '98 gave 2 2/3 innings of shutout relief allowing only two hits and striking out three. Right fielder Doug Tuley '98 gave Rochester the offense they needed with two hits and three runs batted in. Pitcher Aaron Jacyna went the distance for Rochester allowing only four hits and walking five in seven innings.

The Continentals lost the second game, 11-3, in a similar fashion. Guastella provided the power with two homeruns and knocked in the three Hamilton runs. Also contributing were Bob Simonds '95 with four hits on the day and outfielder Ryan Christ '95 with two hits Pitcher John Kowalczik '96 went only 1 2/3 innings allowing seven earned runs on ten hits. Joe Rowbottom '98 and Chris Guides '95 gave admirable relief with 5 1.3 innings of relief, but it proved futile. Rochester was led by the one-two punch of third baseman Chris Macaluso and second baseman Jose Roman, both with two hits, two runs, and six RBIs. Pitcher Scott Lockhart pitched the second complete game of the day for Rochester allowing nine hits and no walks.

Guastella leads all hitters with a .524 average. Outfielders Adam Rowland '95 and Christ are second and third in hitting, .417 and .385 respectively. Rowbottom leads all pitchers with a 1.15 E.R.A.

The Continentals hope to get back on track with victories on a two-game road trip to Ithaca and Hobart.

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97
The baseball team gears up for a roadtrip to Ithaca and Hobart. Brian Guastella '98 looks to improve on his already impressive .524 batting average.

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